

# **Wabash and Erie Canals collection S1495**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	Wabash and Erie Canals collection
<b>Date</b>	1835-1941
<b>Extent</b>	0.01 Cubic feet 1 folder
<b>Language</b>	English
<b>Text [Folder]</b>	S1495

### Preferred Citation

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## Historical Note

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The Wabash and Erie Canal, the longest canal in the United States, (464 miles) ran from Toledo, Ohio to Evansville, Indiana, the connection being finished by 1853. In 1876, the canal was auctioned off by the trustees.

The following marker was installed by the Indiana Historical Bureau.

"A canal from Terre Haute to Evansville authorized 1846. Maysville Division along White River was over 23 miles long from Newberry through Owl Prairie (now Elnora) to Maysville; part of it paralleled what is now S.R. 57. Contracts were let June 1849. Construction was delayed by cholera outbreaks among workers, many of whom were Irish immigrants. Navigation between Newberry and Maysville opened June 1852. By 1853, Wabash and Erie Canal, America's longest at approximately 460 miles, linked Lake Erie at Toledo, Ohio with Ohio River at Evansville. By 1860, most of southern section no longer used because of repair costs and railroad competition. Entire canal in Indiana sold at auction 1876."

Canal Society of Indiana. <http://www.indcanal.org/canals-wabash-erie.html>

Gray, Ralph D. (1994). "Overview:Transportation". In *The Encyclopedia of Indianapolis*. (p. 190). Bloomington, IN: Indiana University Press. ISLI 977.201 M341Ien

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## Scope and Contents

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This collection includes texts from Noah Noble, D. Burr, James Whitcomb, John Henderson, and Dr. William N. Reser in Indiana ranging from 1835 to 1941 regarding the Wabash and Erie Canal, its workers, sale, and boats.

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## Arrangement

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This collection is arranged chronologically.

## Administrative Information

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### Publication Information

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## Controlled Access Headings

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### Geographic Name(s)

- Indiana
- Wabash and Erie Canal (Ind. and Ohio)

### Personal Name(s)

- Noble, Noah, 1794-1844
- Reser, William N.
- Spencer, John
- Tipton, John, 1786-1839
- Whitcomb, James (1795-1852)

## **Subject(s)**

- Boating industry
- Labor disputes

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## **Processing Information**

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Collection processing completed 1998/07 by Philip Williams. EAD finding aid revised 2013/09/10 by Edythe Huffman